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1. I MET WITH BIZENJO LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 8 AND GAVE HIM
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM BHUTTO MORE OR LESS IN WORDS GIVEN
ME BY BHUTTO EARLIER SAME DAY:

" THERE IS EXAGGERATION IN BIZENJO' S ASSERTION THAT STATE
OF PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION EXISTS BETWEEN FEDERAL FORCES
AND PEOPLE OF BALUCHISTAN. I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU
REALITIES ON THE GROUND. MENGAL IS FURTHER COMPLICATING
MATTERS BY REPEATEDLY ATTACKING SHAH OF IRAN AND BY FALSELY
ASSERTING IN SPEECHES THAT THREE NEW CANTONMENTS ARE TO
BE BUILT IN BALUCHISTAN FOR IRANIAN ARMY. NAP LEADERS
ARE CONTINUING WITH EFFORTS TO CREATE HATRED AND CONTEMPT
AGAINST GOVERNMENT IN MINDS OF PEOPLE OF BALUCHISTAN
IN PARTICULAR AND PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN IN GENERAL. SIMUL-
TANEOUSLY THEY ARE STEPPING UP THEIR GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES.
IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE IF BIZENJO AND HIS FRIENDS CONFINE
THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES TO NORMAL DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES
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AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE PREPARED TO EMBARK ON DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM.

AGAIN, BIZENJO IS GROSSLY EXAGGERATING BY DESCRIBING BUGTI AS THE MOST HATED MAN IN BALUCHISTAN. HIS CLAIM THAT IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WITHIN THIS MONTH THE SITUATION IN BALUCHISTAN WILL BECOME IRRECOVERABLE IS EQUALLY INCORRECT. WE CANNOT BE STAMPEDED INTO RASH AND HASTY SETTLEMENTS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE TRYING TO PROCRASTINATE. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO REACH HONORABLE AND LASTING SETTLEMENT BEFORE AUGUST 14. IF BIZENJO CONDUCTS NEGOTIATIONS SERIOUSLY AND SINCERELY, WE MIGHT ARRIVE AT SETTLEMENT BY MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

BUGTI CANNOT EITHER BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY OR DITCHED. WE WILL FIND AN HONORABLE OFFICE FOR HIM OUTSIDE BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE IN CONTEXT OF SETTLEMENT.

WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO HAVE BROAD- BASED AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES NWFP. NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH NAP AS SUCH BUT OUTCOME WILL BE CONFINED TO BALUCHISTAN AND PERHAPS CENTER. WE ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE REDUCTION AND/ OR WITHDRAWAL OF ARMY PROVIDED DEVELOPMENTS WORK WHICH WE HAVE NOW STATED IS PERMITTED BY LOCAL SARDARS WITHOUT UNTOWARD INCIDENTS.

WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE CHIEF MINISTERSHIP OF BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE TO NAP NOMINEE BUT IN COALITION WITH PPP.

I HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR BIZENJO AND RECIPROCATATE HIS SENTIMENTS. I AM PREPARED TO MEET HIM BUT NOT BEFORE END OF BUDGET SESSION OF BALUCH PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY. HE AND HIS FRIENDS WILL HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN SEARCH FOR A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AND LASTING SETTLEMENT."

2. BIZENJO KEPT ME FOR SOME TIME LISTENING TO EXPRESSION OF HIS CONTINUING DEEP DESIRE FIND BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT WITH BHUTTO BUT INABILITY ACCEDE TO BHUTTO' S CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSAL. MUSH OF THIS COVERED OLD GROUND AND NEED NOT BE REPEATED HERE (ALTHOUGH NOTEWORTHY HE STRESSED BALUCH DESIRE REMAIN WITHIN PAKISTAN). BIZENJO ASKED IF I WOULD CONVEY HIS COMMENTS AS FOLLOWS ON BHUTTO' S LATEST MESSAGE TO HIM: (A) IS IS ESSENTIAL TO REMOVE BUGTI SOONEST; IF THAT IS DONE, END OF PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION WOULD FOLLOW. WHY CANNOT PRESIDENT WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT

WITH BUGTI NOW, EVEN IF IT IS TO BE SOMEHOW PUT INTO EFFECT AT LATER DATE? (B) WITHOUT REMOVAL OF BUGTI, DO NOT SEE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING NAP MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY TO REFRAIN FROM VOTING AGAINST BALUCH GOVERNMENT IN FORTHCOMING BUDGET SESSION. (C) BIZENJO REITERATES DEEP RESPECT AND GOOD WISHES FOR PRESIDENT, AND DESIRE SEE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT.

3. I TOLD BIZENJO I WOULD TRY TO CONVEY HIS MESSAGE IN PRECEEDING PARA TO BHUTTO. I THEN WENT ON TO SAY I HAD MENTIONED TO BHUTTO EARLIER THAT DAY THAT I THOUGHT THIS WAS GOOD TIME FOR ME TO BOW OUT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. I SAID I HOPED I HAD BEEN OF SOME HELP TO THEM, AND THAT THEY WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO CARRY ON TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION; MEANWHILE, IT SEEMED PRUDENT THAT A FOREIGN FRIEND NEED NO LONGER BE A PARTICIPANT, EVEN IF ONLY TO PASS MESSAGES BETWEEN PRINCIPALS. BIZENJO IMPORED ME TO CONTINUE TO PLAY ROLE AS MIDDLEMAN, ON GROUNDS THAT SOME IMPARTIAL PERSON OF GOOD FAITH WAS NEEDED. I THANKED HIM FOR HIS GOOD WORDS, SAID FIRMLY THIS WAS MY LAST EFFORT AS CONVEYOR OF SPECIFIC MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT, AND URGED HIM TO DO EVERYTHING HE COULD TO TRY TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT.

4. LATER THAT EVENING I REACHED BHUTTO BY PHONE. NOTING THAT HE WAS LEAVING RAWALPINDI FOLLOWING DAY FOR SOME EXTENDED PERIOD, SAID I WANTED TO GIVE HIM BIZENJO'S REACTION TO LATEST BHUTTO MESSAGE. I THEN READ, SOMEWHAT GUARDEDLY BUT TO BHUTTO'S FULL UNDERSTANDING, POINTS THAT BIZENJO HAD MADE IN PARA TWO ABOVE. I ADDED THAT I HAD INFORMED BIZENJO THAT I WAS NOW BOWING OUT OF THIS EXERCISE. I WISHED BHUTTO BEST OF LUCK AND SAID I MOST SINCERELY HOPED HE WOULD SUCCEED IN WORKING OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT. BHUTTO THANKED ME AND
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SAID " I THINK WE WILL " (I. E. WORK OUT AGREEMENT).

5. THIS WRITES FINISHTO MY ROLE IN THIS UNUSUAL MATTER.
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